



## BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE

(Regulated Medical Waste)

### WHAT BELONGS IN A RED BAG?

Materials that are soggy or dripping with blood or Other Potentially Infectious Materials (OPIM)

- Blood or it's components
- Amniotic Fluid
- Peritoneal Fluid
- Pleural Fluid
- Pericardial Fluid
- Cerebrospinal Fluid
- Semen
- Vaginal Secretions
- Any free flowing blood

### WHAT DOES NOT BELONG IN A RED BAG?

- Any waste paper, including wound dressings that are not heavily soiled with blood or OPIM
- Band aids
- Paper Towels
- Used IV Bags
- Used IV or suction tubing **unless tubing contains visible blood**
- Soiled diapers
- Urine cups unless it contains visible blood

*It if does not drip or flow  
it does not go into a red bag*

### Other Biohazardous Waste

- Sharps – ONLY IN A SHARPS CONTAINER
- Lab cultures and pathology specimens
- Suction canisters (MUST BE SOLIDIFIED) containing blood or OPIM
- Empty or used vaccine vials (ONLY IN A SHARPS CONTAINER)